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In re Application of MCGUINNESS et al. Application No.: 09/831,623

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For: SELECTION SYSTEM FOR GENERATING

EFFICIENT PACKAGING CELLS FOR

LENTIVIRAL VECTORS

**RESPONSE TO STATUS** REQUEST

This communication is in response to request for status submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) 19 July 2002 and filing of Revocation and Appointment of Power of Attorney 28 January 2002.

On 11 May 2001, applicants filed a Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PTO 1390) along with, *inter alia*, the basic national fee and a copy of an international application.

On 11 June 2001, a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) was mailed to applicants indicating that an oath or declaration executed by the inventors and the surcharge for filing the oath or declaration after the 20 or 30 month period was required.

On 12 September 2001, applicants, in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements, filed an executed declaration and request for a one month extension of time. Said declarations are found in the application file and are acceptable. Powers of attorney on behalf of the applicant/inventors were not submitted.

On 28 January 2002, applicants through the law firm Gates & Cooper, LLP filed a revocation and power of attorney appointing George H. Gates, Victor G. Cooper, Karen S. Canady, William J. Wood, Jason S. Feldmar, Bradley K. Lortz, Kenneth M. Goldman and Linda R. Judge to prosecute and transact all business in the USPTO. A copy of the recorded assignment executed by the inventors, Ryan McGuinness and Luigi Naldini to assignee. Cell Genesys, Inc. and a Certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b) was also filed.

On 19 July 2002, a status request in the above referenced application was filed. The request was accompanied by a copies of the revocation and power of attorney filed on 28 January 2002, assignment and a Certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b).

The filing of a new power of attorney with the assignment and Certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is sufficient and accepted.

The application will be forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing. The new correspondence address will be noted. The 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date is 12 September 2001.

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